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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

The Moose party convention meets
in Chicago June 7, the same day of the
Republican meeting.

Irish Nationalists have abandoned
their fight against conscription by the
British government.

Jane Addams declares Europe is
ready for peace and the end of the war
is up to the neutrals.

The first 11 days' receipts at the
Portland postoffice are \$10,912 more
than for the same period last year.

Fire in the film cutting room of a
moving picture company at Santa
Monica, Cal., caused \$80,000 damage.

Eastern Washington is in the grip
of zero weather. The thermometer at
Spokane stood at 6 below; Waterville,
24 below; Endicott, 23.

Sixteen travelers were taken from a
train in Mexico by bandits, stripped of
their clothing, then shot. Most of
the victims were American citizens.

The Tube mill strike at Youngs-
town, Ohio, which resulted in the
death of several persons and property
damage of over a million dollars, is de-
clared off and the city has quieted
own.

The Germans and Austrians who
lost territory to the Russians are with-
drawing stores of supplies that were
to have been used in the spring cam-
paign, realizing their efforts would be
a failure.

Representative Fess, of Ohio, se-
verely arraigns Great Britain in a
speech before congress, declaring that
government has broken all interna-
tional sea laws by violating the rights
of neutrals.

Good authority declares that Eng-
land and France are preparing a vigor-
ous note in answer to the United
States' arguments and demands con-
cerning the neutral trade policy be-
tween these countries.

Fire caused \$25,000 damage to the
Daly Hotel at Great Falls, Mont., and
of the 60 persons in the hotel, four, in-
cluding a woman, escaped scantly clad
by sliding down a rope fire escape. The
temperature at the time was 30 de-
grees below zero.

Plans to strengthen the National
guard instead of establishing a con-
sidential army as contemplated by the
War department were proposed to Pres-
ident Wilson by Chairman Hay of the
house military committee. Mr. Hay
did not reveal how his suggestion was
received by the President.

The trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr,
who, it is alleged, instigated the mur-
der of her husband, Dr. Mohr, is in
progress at Providence, R. I. It will
be shown it is said, that the chauffeur
stopped his auto in a dark spot, when
the physician and his companion Miss
Burger, were shot from ambush.

The English government, in the in-
terest of national economy, has notifi-
ed all trade unions in the country
that in view of the pressing emer-
gency no further advances in wages
should be considered except those arising
automatically from existing agree-
ments and necessary adjustments of
local conditions.

Fakery exact \$175,000 from six St.
Louis men.

A Jewish relief day has been author-
ized by the senate.

Opponents of Oregon's blue law,
which was upheld by the Federal court,
will appeal to the United States Su-
preme court.

The house of commons voted 403 to
106 in favor of the Asquith bill which
requires single men of certain ages to
enter the war.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria will be
crowned emperor of Macedonia at
Monastir after a brief visit to several
leading cities in Bulgaria.

The right of hard cider to a place in
dry Oregon is now questioned. Sam-
ples of some cider that was found in an
unusually brick market were taken by
the Portland police and turned over to
the city laboratories for analysis to de-
termine the amount of alcohol.

Mount Rainier National Park is
"dry," along with the rest of the state
of Washington, according to a ruling
made by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

The United States government has
ordered constructed 15 aeroplanes,
three of which will have a speed of 80
miles an hour and a carrying capacity
of 1200 pounds.

A New York Federal judge invites
"hyphenated citizens" who put the
interests of their native country be-
fore those of America to "get off the
face of the earth."

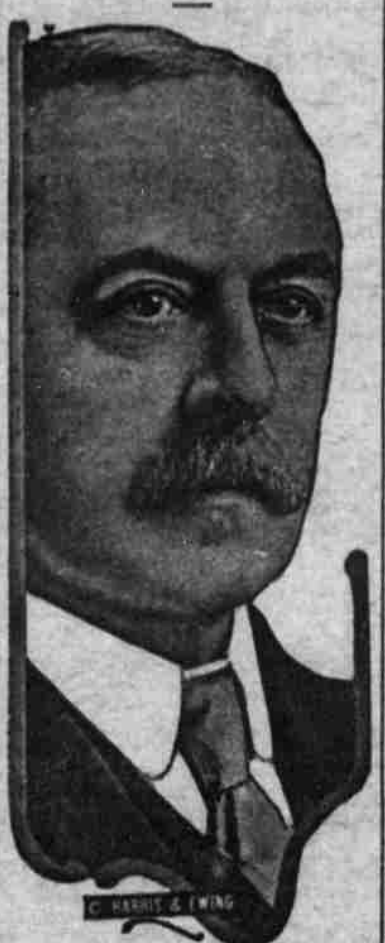
SIXTEEN TAKEN FROM MEXICAN TRAIN BY BANDITS AND SLAIN

El Paso, Tex.—Sixteen foreigners,
most of them Americans, en route
from Chihuahua City to Cuahuitlan,
Western Chihuahua, Wednesday were
taken from a train about 50 miles
from Chihuahua City, stripped of their
clothing and shot by Mexican bandits.
Confirmation of the news was given
by officials here of the Carranza de
facto government. The bodies were
shipped to Juarez.

First reports were received here in
a message from Thomas M. Holmes,
the only survivor, to Mrs. Holmes, ad-
vising her of his safe arrival at Chi-
huahua. Inquiries instigated by offi-
cials of the American Smelting & Re-
fining company developed the details.
The ill-fated party boarded a train
at Chihuahua City, intending to re-
open properties of the smelting com-
pany at Cuahuitlan, officials of
which had received assurances of pro-
tection by the de facto government.

According to one account, bandits

WILLIAM A. JONES



Congressman William A. Jones of
Virginia, as chairman of the insular
affairs committee of the house of rep-
resentatives, will lead the fight again
this year for the Philippine bill, in-
creasing the liberty of the Philippines.
Another measure that will be intro-
duced by Mr. Jones will be the Porto
Rican bill, which failed to reach the
house last session.

stopped the train and ordered the
party to descend. Holmes, however,
slipped into the lavatory and from his
hiding place witnessed the stripping
of clothes from the prisoners.
The party was then marshaled down
the track, escorted by a firing squad.
As Holmes slipped from the car and
ran in the direction of Chihuahua City,
he declared, he heard shrieks, fol-
lowed by a volley of rifle shots.

Progressives to Meet in Chicago On Same Day as Republicans

Chicago—The Progressive party will
hold its National convention on June
7 in Chicago, concurrently with the
National convention of the Republican
party, in the hope that both agree on
the same candidate for president.

This action was decided on by the
National committee of the Progressive
party. Forty-seven of the 48 states
were represented at the meeting.
Before adjourning the committee
adopted a declaration of principles, in
which the administration of President
Wilson was criticized for its failure to
deal adequately with National honor
and industrial welfare, and the Pro-
gressive party went on record as fa-
vorizing a complete preparedness
consisting of military armament, as well
as mobilization of all the country's re-
sources.

Electric Hand Devised.
Berlin—After years of experiment,
Director Klingenberg, of the General
Electric Co., has announced the per-
fection of an electro-magnetic hand,
with which it is possible to grasp even
the heaviest metal objects and work
with them as advantageously as with
human hands. Dr. Klingenberg has
evolved an unusually powerful bat-
tery, which can be carried by the op-
erator, making it unnecessary for
him to be near the current. The in-
vention can perform all the functions
of the human hand and others besides.

Cabinet Wilson's Guests.
Washington, D. C.—The annual cab-
inet dinner was given in the state din-
ing-room of the White House Tuesday
night by President and Mrs. Wilson.
It was the first of a series of formal
dinners that will make the social sea-
son at the White House. The guests
included besides all the members of
the cabinet and their wives several
high officers of the army and navy and
government officials.

OCEAN ONLY FRIEND OF UNITED STATES

We Cannot Trust Other Nations,
Says Senator Chamberlain.

MILITARY PREPAREDNESS ONLY SAFETY

U. S. Offended Central Powers and
If It Does Its Duty Will Offend
Also Great Britain.

New York—The address of Senator
Chamberlain, of Oregon, before the
Republican club of New York Satur-
day night came as a surprise to those
present. The senator was outspoken
in favor of a program that should in-
clude the military training of every
youth in the country. He declared
this would redound to the physical
well-being of the youth, even if there
were no war. He said there should
be a standing army sufficient to gar-
rison our insular possessions as well as
to man our fortifications. He called
attention to the fact that nearly all
the Japanese in this country are re-
servists and had had military training.
He added there were also 100,000
reservists of other nationalities here
who would rush to their colors if
called.

Senator Chamberlain declared fur-
ther that the consuls of the various
countries had a list of all these reserv-
ists.

Speaking of the European war, Sen-
ator Chamberlain said the great lesson
this nation had learned has been that
"trustees are not worth the paper they
are written on."

He pointed out that we had had
trouble with Germany and Austria, but
that it had been adjusted, and urged
that similar measures as were used in
out relations with these two countries
be directed toward Great Britain.

"We have offended Germany and
Austria," said Senator Chamberlain,
"and if we do our duty we will offend
Great Britain. The only friends
America has today or will have in the
days to come are the Atlantic and Pa-
cific oceans."

In dealing with smaller nations, he
declared the United States has always
acted the part of a bully. "When
Hayti has a revolution and refuses to
pay her debts," he said, "we send
warships and a few marines and take
charge, but when it comes to dealing
with the greater powers of the world,
instead of acting like a brave, coura-
geous and noble nation, we act like
cowards, I am ashamed and sorry to
say."

West Is Overridden When Ferris Waterpower Measure Passes House

Washington, D. C.—The house Sat-
urday passed the Ferris bill, which
would throw open to 50-year leases
public land containing more than three
times as much water power as now is
under development in the United
States. It is estimated that in the 11
states which it is proposed to enter
there are about 19,000,000 undevel-
oped horsepower.

The bill is the result of careful
study by water power experts of all
parties. The 50-year lease feature had
the support of Secretary of the Inter-
ior Lane.

Party lines were cast aside in voting
on the measure. Minority Leader
Mann was one of its strongest sup-
porters. His Republican colleague, Re-
presentative Mondell of Wyoming, and
other Western Republicans fought it,
insisting that Federal control would
delay development of the sites.

Western Senators are planning a
hard fight on the measure in the up-
per house.

Control of the power plants under
the bill would rest jointly with the
state and Federal governments, except
by court order, leases could not be
transferred without the consent of the
Secretary of the Interior. States hav-
ing public utility boards could exer-
cise their full powers in regulating
rates for power and the issuance of
bonds. In states without such boards
the Secretary of the Interior would ex-
ercise this power.

Report Defends Plutes.
Denver—Charges that troubles with
the Plute Indians near Bluff, Utah,
early in 1915, were the result of a
"badly-bungled" scheme to drive cer-
tain non-reservation Indians off the
public domain and confiscate their
grazing lands are made by M. K. Stif-
fen, special investigator for the Indian
Rights association, in a report pub-
lished here. The Stiffen report de-
clares that conditions of "hamful
neglect" at the Ute Mountain Indian
agency extended over 20 years. The
troubles became acute last winter.

Slide Kills Army Officer.
Livingstone, Mont.—Lieutenant Joseph
E. McDonald, Twelfth Cavalry, of
Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, who, with
four companions, was out sledding Sun-
day at the Mammoth Hot Springs, near
Fort Yellowstone, was killed by a
snowslide. All five were caught in the
slide. McDonald's companions were
able to free themselves, but the lieuten-
ant remained buried for 45 min-
utes before his companions could re-
lease him. He was then unconscious.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Oregon State Fair Fund

Shows Balance of \$8208

Salem—A balance of \$8208.08 is
shown to the credit of the Oregon
State Fair fund for the fiscal year
ended November 30 last, according to
the annual report of W. A. Jones, sec-
retary of the fair board. On Decem-
ber 1, 1914, the State Fair fund had a
balance of \$6852.14. Receipts for 1915
were \$50,877.19, and expenses \$45,151.25.

In the last 12 months many improve-
ments of a permanent character were
made at the fair grounds, the most im-
portant being the paving of the road
from the Southern Pacific railroad
track to the entrance of the grounds.
A total of 4945 square yards of bitu-
lithic and concrete work was done, at
a cost of \$2818.11.

"This I feel is only a starter, and a
small part of what should be done on
the grounds in the near future," says
Secretary Jones in his report.

Completion of the men's rest cottage
on the grounds, at a cost of \$1684.53,
Secretary Jones points out, proved a
great convenience. The removal of
the livestock department to the rest
cottage relieved the congestion in the
office of the administration building.
Among the other improvements made
during the year was construction of a
water tower at a cost of \$408.90;
tower equipment, \$605.73; repairing
poultry house, \$102.85; fencing,
\$284.98; repairing race horse barn,
\$165.20; improving new exhibition
building, \$1189.14, and permanently
wiring the camp grounds, \$318.96.

From the fair grounds farm but
565.6 bushels of poor quality oats, 80
tons of clover hay, 23 tons of chest
hay and 3700 pounds of red clover seed
were obtained. The clover seed was
extra good quality and sold for 18.5
cents a pound net. Mr. Jones advises
the board that at present all the clover
is killed by the midges and plowing
should be done in the spring.

Speaking of the exhibits at the fair
last year, Secretary Jones calls atten-
tion to the fact that the new pavilion's
lower floor was filled with agricultural
exhibits from 18 counties, which were
the best ever shown. The excellence
of other classes of exhibits was com-
mented on.

That more attention be given by the
board to the race events next year is
recommended. It is suggested that
the track either be cut to half a mile
or more entries be required.

In the livestock department the re-
port shows that 1507 animals were ex-
hibited, as follows: Horses, 254; cat-
tle 662; sheep 265, and swine 426.

College Plans to Extend.

Albany—In connection with the cele-
bration of the semi-centennial of its
organization, next June, Albany Col-
lege hopes to lay the corner stone for
its first building on its new campus.
Several months ago the college pur-
chased a 48-acre tract southwest of
this city and has developed extensive
plans for a complement to new build-
ings there.

No progress has been made toward
new buildings yet, for the reason that
the college was heading all its ener-
gies to complete its endowment fund.
The recent gift of \$50,000 from James
J. Hill, which was made upon the con-
dition that the college raise an addi-
tional \$200,000 first, has given Al-
bany college an endowment fund of
more than \$250,000.

Drainage Work Proposed.

Eugene—A drainage project em-
bracing many thousands of acres,
which, if reclaimed, will prove among
the most valuable land in the state,
has been investigated by Professor E.
L. Power, of the Oregon Agricultural
college. He advises that the landown-
ers procure the services of United
States government engineers in the de-
velopment of the proposed project. In
the Long Tom and Coyote bottoms are
between 50,000 and 100,000 acres, now
little fit for cultivation. Various
drainage projects are contemplated.

Apple Export Has Spurt.

Hood River—While space on trans-
Atlantic liners has been reserved on
dates as late as the middle of March,
it is likely that all the Hood River
crop of 800 carloads of Newtown ap-
ples will be cleaned up before that
time.

The Apple Growers' association had
made a record this year for the excel-
lent condition in which fruit has been
delivered. Out of the approximate
450,000 boxes that have so far been
handled not a single box has reached
the purchaser in poor condition.

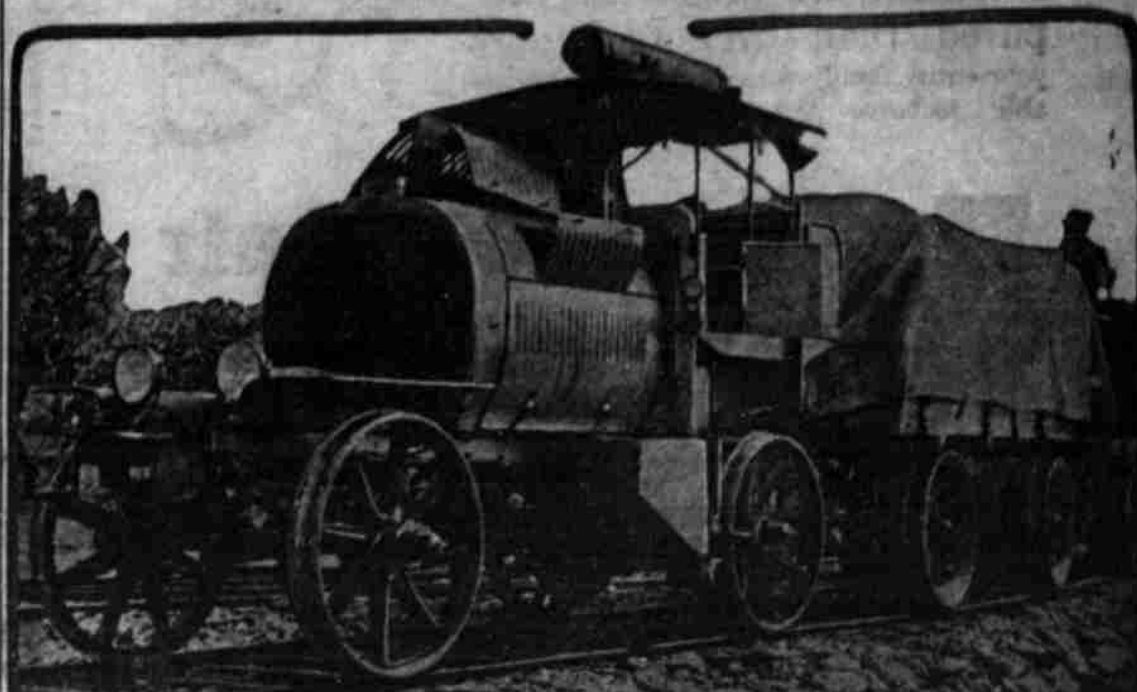
Gaston Girls to Be Cooks.

Gaston—At a meeting Saturday the
school directors of the Gaston district
decided to add domestic science and
manual training to the high school
courses. Miss Rhoda Enechede, of For-
est Grove, will teach domestic science
and Omer Moore, of the same place,
will have charge of the manual train-
ing. The formal opening of the new
\$15,000 school building will be next
week, and arrangements have been
made for an interesting program.

Sons Give Flag to Court.

Pendleton—In the presence of a
number of school children, the Umatilla
County Circuit court Wednesday re-
ceived a beautiful silk flag from the
Oregon Society of the Sons of the
American Revolution.

WAR KEEPS ABREAST OF MODERN INVENTIONS



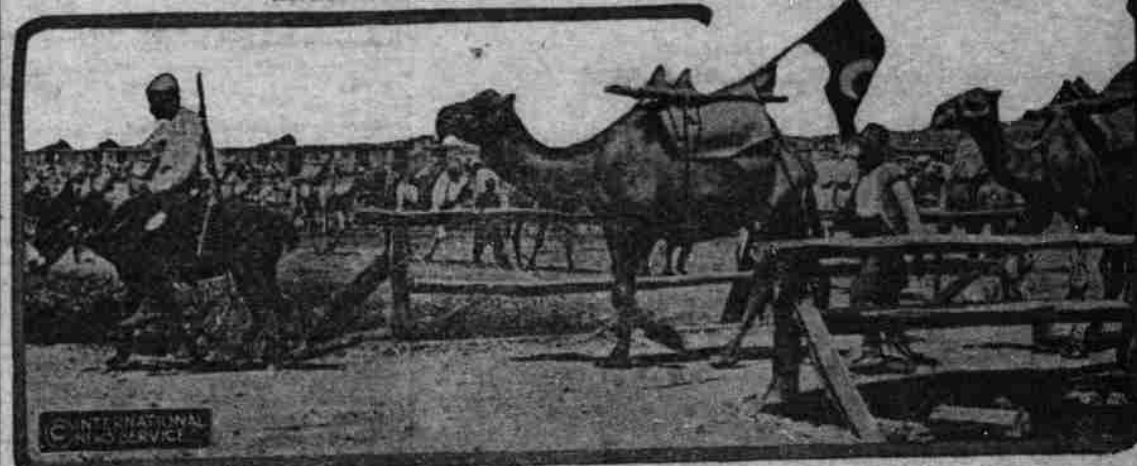
Austrian inventive geniuses engaged in the war are keeping abreast of the modern times, although many ancient
instruments are still being used as models for more modern weapons. Here, for instance, is a combination loco-
motive and freight car. The locomotive generates its propelling power by the use of benzine. The trucks attached
to the locomotive are of the ordinary freight car pattern. The real novelty in the equipment, which is being used
in the Carso district, is that both locomotive and trucks are equipped with a hybrid set of wheels which, when they
come to the end of the railroad line, can still be used on any road, regardless of its roughness.

AUSTRIANS SAVING A SERBIAN VILLAGE



In this Serbian village, which was fired by the Teutonic bombardment, the Austrians formed a bucket brigade
and fought the flames that threatened to destroy the town.

MILITARY CARAVAN OF THE TURKS



This is a Turkish military caravan arriving at the junction station of Namur.

POPE'S LATEST PHOTOGRAPH

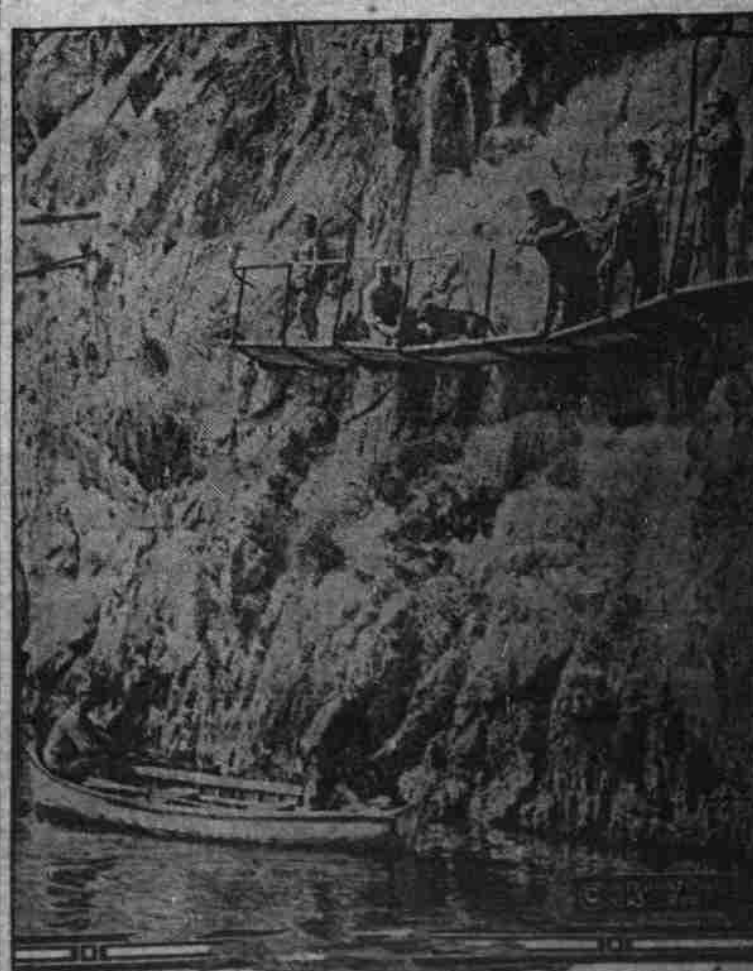


The latest photograph of his holiness, Pope Benedict XV, is shown
here. It was taken in his study at the
Vatican. The pope is keeping up his
efforts to bring peace to war-torn
Europe.

Choice of Damocles.

"Well, after all," said Damocles with
an affectionate glance upward at the
sword, still suspended by a hair, "nu-
sance though you are, old top, I think
I'd rather have you hovering over me
than a Zeppelin. There are hairs and
horns in this world, and of the two I
prefer the capillary attraction."

PERILOUS WORK IN THE TYROL



Austrian troops building a railway along the side of a mountain in the
Tyrol to give them a new line for attack.